

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle, comprising:

a first leaf valve provided in an opening portion of a flow passage arranged in a partition wall member sectioning an oil passage;

a small diameter leaf valve provided in an opposite side of the first leaf valve to the partition wall member;

a plurality of second leaf valves, all said second leaf valves provided in an opposite side of the small diameter leaf valve to the first leaf valve;

an annular gap provided in an outer peripheral side of the small diameter leaf valve, between the first leaf valve and the second leaf valve;

the respective leaf valves being fixed in inner peripheral sides thereof so as to be laminated on the partition wall member,

~~wherein~~ an inner leaf valve is disposed between a the plurality of second leaf valves, and an annular outer leaf valve having a larger thickness than that of the inner leaf valve is disposed on an outer peripheral side of the inner leaf valve.

2. (Original) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein an outer diameter of the small diameter leaf valve is set to be no greater than a distance from a center of the partition wall member to a flow passage provided in the partition wall member.

3. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the second leaf valve provided between the small diameter leaf valve and the inner leaf valve ~~in the plurality of second leaf valves is comprises~~ one leaf valve, and

the other second leaf valves ~~comprises~~ comprise a plurality of leaf valves.

4. (Original) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the first leaf valve comprises a plurality of leaf valves.

5. (Original) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the second leaf valve comprises a plurality of leaf valves having smaller diameters step by step such that the second leaf valve is formed in a pyramid shape as the second leaf valve departs from the small diameter leaf valve.

6. (Original) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the second leaf valve has comprises a plurality of leaf valves having the same diameter.

7. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the second leaf valve ~~has~~ comprises a first group of leaf valves having smaller diameters step by step such that the second leaf valve is formed in a pyramid shape as the second leaf valve departs from the small diameter leaf valve, and the second leaf valve further comprises a second group of leaf valves having the same diameter.

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